

## Message Text

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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CH, PEPR, IR  
SUBJ: HUA VISIT TO IRAN

1. TEHRAN PRESS AUG. 29 GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO CHINESE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN PREPARATION FOR CHAIRMAN HUA'S ARRIVAL LATER THAT DAY. SHAH WILL MEET HUA AT AIRPORT AND RIDE WITH HIM IN CEREMONIAL HORSE-DRAWN DARRIAGE TO SHAYAD MONUMENT, WHERE HUA WILL OFFICIALLY BE WELCOMED TO TEHRAN. SHAH WILL GIVE RECEPTION EVENING AUG. 29 AT NIAVARAN PALACE. TWO LEADERS WILL HOLD FORMAL TALKS AUG. 30.

2. PRESS DESCRIBED CHINESE VISIT AS BID FOR INCREASED COOPERATION TO COUNTER SOVIET INFLUENCE IN REGION. CHINESE SOURCES ARE CITED AS CONFIRMING THAT HUA WILL EMPHASIZE STABILIZING ROLE OF IRAN IN SPEECH AT NIAVARAN PALACE RECEPTION. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCES, CHINESE WILL DISCUSS IRAN'S INFLUENCE IN SOUTH ASIA IN LIGHT OF AFGHAN COUP. CHINESE ARE SAID TO BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT INSTABILITY IN PAKISTAN. HUA IS ALSO REPORTED TO SEEK IRAN'S HELP IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ARAB PERSIAN GULF STATES.  
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3. REPORTS CLEARLY STATE GOI WILL AVOID ENTANGLEMENT IN SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY. WHILE GOI SHARES CHINESE CONCERN OVER EXPANDING SOVIET INFLUENCE, GOI INTENDS TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH NORTHERN NEIGHBOR. GOI WILL REJECT COMMUNIQUE WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ATTACKS SOVIET UNION. ONE REPORT GOES FURTHER TO SAY HUA "WOULD RECEIVE

A 'COURTEOUS BUT NON-COMMITTAL' RESPONSE TO EFFORTS TO  
INCREASE POLITICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."  
(BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) COMMENT: EMBASSY CONTACTS  
CONFIRM PRESS REFLECTS OFFICIAL GOI CAUTION REGARDING HUA'S  
VISIT AND SINO-SOVIET FEUD.)  
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